

Gentlemen — Our very great Regard to those Gentlemen whom the People of Mass  
 Shant. Pitt to choose as their Representatives in Assembly easily prevailed with us —  
 So I endeavour to put the best Construction on what comes from your House but  
 We must own our selves very much at a loss how to reconcile your Message  
 of 2d April 1735 in the close of last Session with your message of this Day  
 By Mr King and others in the first you are pleased to tell the House you  
 Cannot now (that is then) agree to the allowance claimed by the Council of State  
 And by the last Message you say you cannot agree to the making the allowance  
 So that although by the Message last Session you plainly Intimated you  
 Should be willing at some other time to make those allowances, yet by the  
 Message of this Session you not only persist in your refusal to allow them  
 but also do not think fit to acquaint us when you will agree to them This  
 House either last Session or at present little expected you would make  
 the word (now) of little Importance and we cannot but hope that you will  
 on further Consideration be of Opinion that something was meant by  
 it especially since this House relying on the Natural Import of that word  
 Signified by their Message of 2d of same April their willingness to  
 forbear any further Dispute at that time about these allowances.

We hope you will receive in good part our Expression of Great  
 Concern and Surprise at your Argument in your Message of this Day drawn  
 from our reading under a refusal of the Said allowance for a great Length of  
 Time we readily presume it was not your Intention by these words  
 to stir this House up to a vigorous exertion as is Fully Due to the  
 Council of State; but however they convince us how Dangerous it is to  
 defer any longer Supporting with the utmost Resolution these Just due  
 which will appear to be very frequently made and not to be Obsolete

There is no Necessity for this House to recapitulate all the —  
 Arguments formerly used to maintain the Justice of those Claims but we  
 must Observe to you that besides those reasons, the Law under which  
 the twelve pence due is now raised, is now very Different both in the Title  
 and in the Practicing Part from the Act in 1716 upon which the former  
 Debates were had.

We Approached the Publick with as much Engaged to Divide  
 the allowances to a Council as any other Debts But that you may be  
 assured this House is greatly desirous of Supporting the Publick Officers  
 We are willing to allow all the Claims mentioned in the Journal except  
 what relates to the several persons therein mentioned as Members  
 of the upper and lower Houses of Assembly and if you think proper  
 to agree to this proposal, The Journal here will soon may be accordingly  
 altered — As every Days Debate on this Subject will probably add  
 the Country to greater Expence than some Years Charged to the Council  
 of State We rely you will not Desire any further Bill in this Matter